

## **FISCAL NOTE**

### **HB 179 - SB 1456**

February 12, 2007

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Authorizes a child who is 17 years of age to petition the court for continuation of foster care until the age of 19.

#### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Expenditures - \$11,268,300**

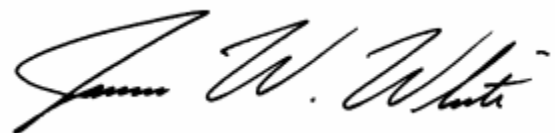
**Other Fiscal Impact – Increase Federal Expenditures - \$6,251,700**

Assumptions:

- There are approximately 640 children who age out of foster care annually. Seventy - five percent (75%, or 480 children, would petition the court to stay in foster care for an additional year increasing the number of foster care days by 175,200 (480 X 365).
- The average cost per day is \$100 which will result in an increase to expenditures of \$17,520,000 (175,200 X \$100). Forty – five percent (45%) of such amount, or \$7,884,000, will be contributed through TennCare funds.
- Of the TennCare funds, \$2,858,738.40 will be state funds and \$5,025,261.60 will be federal funds at a 63.74% match.
- The total estimated increase in expenditures is estimated to be \$11,268,338.40 in state funds (DCS and TennCare state match) and \$6,251,661.60 in federal funds (TennCare federal match and Title IV-E funds).
- If children aging out of foster care decide to pursue educational avenues, the children could be able to qualify for post custody services through the Independent Living program within the Department of Children's Services. These services are provided with federal Chafee funds.

#### **CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director